

FIFTY-SECOND

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

AUDITOR

OF THE

CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 1955

Lincoln, Nebraska

October 15, 1955

To the Honorable City Council
City of Lincoln, Nebraska

The Fifty-Second Annual Report of the Auditor of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska, is presented herewith. Shown in detail are the financial transactions during the year, the bonded indebtedness, and the actual condition of all funds at the close of the fiscal year ended August 31, 1955.

The details of the operation of the public utilities are not included as separate reports are being made by these departments.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. MALLON, *City Auditor*

PART ONE

GENERAL INFORMATION

OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

The City of Lincoln, Nebraska, for many years operated under the Commission Form of Government. On May 10, 1937, a change was made and a new form of government was inaugurated. The Plan adopted has been called Seven-Man Council, but possibly a more appropriate name would be a Modified Manager Plan. Under this plan a Mayor is elected for a two-year term and at each biennial election, three councilmen are elected for a term of four years. The Councilmen are paid \$10.00 for each regular meeting attended. No pay allowed for special meetings. The mayor receives in addition to the \$10.00 for each weekly meeting attended the sum of \$500.00 per year.

The activities of the City are divided in three departments as follows:

1. Department of Public Welfare and Safety.
2. Department of Accounts and Finance.
3. Department of Parks, Public Property and Improvements

The Council appoints a Director for each of the departments, who is the superintendent thereof and responsible to the council for its proper operation.

All other officials and employees are appointed by the Council. The Judge of the Municipal Court is elected at County and State elections, and other officials of the Municipal Court are appointed by the judge.

City elections are held on the first Tuesday in May of each odd numbered year. The term of office of Mayor and Councilmen begins on the first Monday following the election.

The Council acts as a fact finding and policy determining body, while it is the duty of the Directors to carry out the policies so determined and to perform the necessary administrative functions of the City.

The Council also appoints a City Attorney and assistants necessary to work with the Council and all departments of the City.

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LIST OF CITY OFFICIALS

Clark Jeary, Mayor and President of Council

Councilmen—Terms expiring 1957

Fern Hubbard Orme

Joseph E. Fenton

Hugh Thorne

Councilmen—Terms expiring 1959

Pat Ash, Vice President of Council

Bennett Martin

Rees Wilkinson

THE DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY ARE
ASSIGNED AS FOLLOWS:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE AND SAFETY

EMMETT JUNG

Director

Fire Department	—E. P. Feaster, Chief
Electrical Inspection	—Donald Venter, Inspector
Health Department	—Dr. James T. Googe, Supt.
Police Department	—Joseph T. Carroll, Chief
City Property	—Charles E. Saal, Superintendent
Mun. Coal and Gas	—L. E. Brown, Manager

DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE

THEO. H. BERG

Director

City Clerk's Office	—Theo. H. Berg, Clerk
City Auditor's Office	—James M. Mallon, Auditor
Purchasing Office	—W. Wayne Harvey, Purchasing Agent
Treasurer's Office	—Frank J. Miller, Treasurer
	—Robert L. Wheeler, Deputy Treasurer
Tax Commissioner's Office	—William Schlaebitz, Tax Commissioner

GENERAL INFORMATION

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,
PUBLIC PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS

D. L. ERICKSON

Director

Engineer's Office	—Carl L. Fisher, Engineer —H. C. Schlueter, Deputy —Nathaniel W. Beezley, Deputy
Inspections	—E. A. Vorhees, Building Inspector —Frank M. Staats, Plumbing Inspector —Michael Bourke, Sidewalk Inspector
Street Department	—A. Lynn Myers, Superintendent
Paving Repair and Sewer	—H. Lyle Gieseke, Superintendent
Parks	—James Ager, Superintendent
Recreation	—James C. Lewis, Superintendent
Water and Light	—F. L. Blumer, Plant Superintendent —John W. Kruse, Business Manager

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

—Jack M. Pace, City Attorney
—Wayne R. Douce, Deputy Attorney
—Thomas J. Gorham, Asst. Attorney

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

—Ray E. Ramsay, Personnel Officer

MUNICIPAL COURT

—John Jacobsen, Judge
—Leland M. Towle, Clerk
—R. L. Butterbaugh, Deputy Clerk
—John J. Reitter, Constable

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BUILDING PERMITS

Issued From September 1, 1954 to August 31, 1955

Month	No.	Residence	Business	Accessory	Total
Sept.	316	\$ 1,189,393.00	\$ 323,970.00	\$ 21,375.00	\$ 1,534,738.00
Oct.	275	1,131,730.00	132,075.00	28,649.00	1,292,454.00
Nov.	262	1,313,575.00	309,514.00	26,965.00	1,650,054.00
Dec.	176	1,084,480.00	208,100.00	6,650.00	1,299,230.00
Jan.	151	832,310.00	345,150.00	13,985.00	1,191,445.00
Febr.	117	606,124.00	70,845.00	4,980.00	681,949.00
March	288	285,711.00	1,436,657.00	24,168.00	1,746,536.00
April	346	251,440.00	1,531,349.00	25,165.00	1,807,954.00
May	446	1,968,122.00	2,189,303.00	44,426.00	4,201,851.00
June	306	1,290,183.00	704,057.00	22,932.00	2,017,172.00
July	303	1,545,149.00	623,491.00	24,288.00	2,192,928.00
Aug.	350	1,959,490.00	155,293.00	26,736.00	2,141,519.00
Total	3336	\$13,457,707.00	\$8,029,804.00	\$270,319.00	\$21,757,830.00

FACTS ABOUT LINCOLN

Originally incorporated on April 7, 1869.

Incorporated as a city of the second class on March 18, 1871.

Incorporated as a city of the first class on March 25, 1887.

Altitude: 1,165 feet above sea level.

Area: 16,128 Acres (25.20 square miles).

Paved streets and alleys: 298.54 miles.

Parks: 1,361 acres.

Sanitary sewers: 286.30 miles.

Storm sewers: 67.41 miles.

Water mains: 337.23 miles.

Street lights: 3,911.

Floating debt: None.

Population 1920, 54,928.

Population 1930, 79,572.

Population 1940, 81,846.

Population 1950, 97,423.

Population 1955, (estimated) 118,000.

Assessed valuation of city per capita: \$1,167.92.

Bonded indebtedness of city per capita: \$41.64.

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GENERAL FUND

Statement of Expenditures and Encumbrances

Compared with Appropriations

September 1, 1954 to August 31, 1955

	Adjusted Appropriation	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance	Encum- brances	Unencum- bered Balance
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:					
City Council	\$ 5,510.00	\$ 2,962.14	\$ 2,547.86	\$	\$ 2,547.86
Mayor	5,657.23	4,916.01	741.22	111.25	629.97
Municipal Court	35,846.86	33,613.18	2,233.68	345.51	1,888.17
General Expense	24,066.55	18,684.53	5,382.02	12.10	5,369.92
Directors	29,630.00	29,701.90	71.90	.....	71.90
Attorney	27,476.00	23,865.20	3,610.80	371.04	3,239.76
Merit System	9,191.00	8,821.74	369.26	.....	369.26
Fire & Police Pension.....	90,569.64	93,413.43	2,843.79	.....	2,843.79
Planning Commission	12,124.50	12,105.96	18.54	.....	18.54
Contingencies	45,000.00	23,184.31	21,815.69	.....	21,815.69
Total	\$ 285,071.78	\$ 251,268.40	\$ 33,803.38	\$ 839.90	\$ 32,963.48
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE AND SAFETY:					
Police	\$ 560,707.13	\$ 544,026.44	\$ 16,680.69	\$ 8,279.69	\$ 8,401.00
Fire	490,895.85	479,001.18	11,894.67	1,580.33	10,314.34
Health	140,472.04	140,610.68	138.64	261.02	399.66
Milk Inspection	19,172.13	17,359.04	1,813.09	2,906.86	1,093.77
City Property	140,406.60	107,371.70	33,034.90	6,714.83	26,320.07
License Bureau	5,850.00	2,306.49	3,543.51	5.75	3,537.76
Parks and Recreation.....	436,305.24	392,407.28	43,897.96	31,471.96	12,426.00
Total	\$1,793,808.99	\$1,683,082.81	\$110,726.18	\$ 51,220.44	\$ 59,505.74
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES					
Clerk	\$ 10,655.70	\$ 9,407.77	\$ 1,247.93	\$ 130.88	\$ 1,117.05
Auditor	11,510.00	11,112.92	397.08	74.12	322.96
Treasurer	57,722.41	55,136.46	2,585.95	943.41	1,642.54
Tax Commissioners	13,887.50	10,547.99	3,339.51	.....	3,339.51
Purchasing	12,061.19	11,408.52	652.67	19.81	632.86
Total	\$ 105,836.80	\$ 97,613.66	\$ 8,223.14	\$ 1,168.22	\$ 7,054.92
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY & IMPROVEMENTS:					
Engineer	\$ 78,485.57	\$ 81,856.49	\$ 3,370.92	\$ 1,481.50	\$ 4,852.42
Road	235,430.98	214,604.74	20,826.24	3,357.59	17,468.65
Paving Repair	124,896.57	129,825.75	4,929.18	886.50	5,815.68
Sewer	69,284.57	67,923.20	1,361.37	793.61	567.76
Street Light	96,902.50	96,343.00	559.50	168.41	391.09
Plumbing Inspection	19,057.50	14,266.18	4,791.32	59.66	4,731.66
Sidewalk Revolving	5,000.00	5,000.00	.....	.....	.....
Total	\$ 629,057.69	\$ 609,819.36	\$ 19,238.33	\$ 6,747.27	\$ 12,491.06
Grand Total—General Fund.....	\$2,813,775.26	\$2,641,784.23	\$171,991.03	\$ 59,975.83	\$112,015.20

FINANCIAL SECTION—GENERAL FUND

GENERAL FUND

Detailed Statement of Expenditures

September 1, 1954 to August 31, 1955

	Personal Services	Other Current Expenses	Capital Outlay	Miscel- laneous	Total
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:					
City Council	\$ 2,850.00	\$ 112.14	\$	\$	\$ 2,962.14
Mayor	4,040.80	643.01	232.20	.....	4,916.01
Municipal Court	28,530.03	3,719.89	1,363.26	.....	33,613.18
General Expense	7,311.29	10,972.51	53.47	347.26	18,684.53
Directors	29,629.87	72.03	.....	.....	29,701.90
Attorney	20,883.85	1,158.59	1,822.76	.....	23,865.20
Merit System	8,202.82	434.01	184.91	.....	8,821.74
Fire & Police Pension...	.....	.....	.....	93,413.43	93,413.43
Planning Commission ...	624.07	11,391.66	90.23	.....	12,105.96
Contingencies .....	.....	18,884.14	3,922.09	378.08	23,184.31
Total	\$ 102,072.73	\$ 47,387.98	\$ 7,668.92	\$ 94,138.77	\$ 251,268.40
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE AND SAFETY:					
Police	\$ 409,607.18	\$ 77,214.12	\$ 57,205.14	\$	\$ 544,026.44
Fire	446,766.71	27,101.93	5,132.54	.....	479,001.18
Health	118,351.75	18,734.09	3,524.84	.....	140,610.68
Milk Inspection	13,436.59	3,906.32	16.13	.....	17,359.04
City Property	29,348.88	24,825.83	53,196.99	.....	107,371.70
License Bureau	1,676.95	581.79	32.25	15.50	2,306.49
Parks and Recreation...	206,856.83	59,670.20	123,176.67	2,703.58	392,407.28
Total	\$1,226,044.89	\$ 212,034.28	\$ 242,284.56	\$ 2,719.08	\$1,683,082.81
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES:					
Clerk	\$ 6,723.83	\$ 2,484.18	\$ 199.76	\$	\$ 9,407.77
Auditor	9,549.95	1,139.46	423.51	.....	11,112.92
Treasurer	39,566.41	10,736.24	4,833.81	.....	55,136.46
Tax Commissioner	9,125.31	815.18	607.50	.....	10,547.99
Purchasing	9,817.06	991.71	599.75	.....	11,408.52
Total	74,782.56	16,166.77	6,664.33	.....	97,613.66
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY & IMPROVEMENTS:					
Engineer	\$ 67,022.06	\$ 9,155.73	\$ 5,654.70	\$ 24.00	\$ 81,856.49
Road	146,547.12	58,282.79	9,774.83	.....	214,604.74
Paving Repair	68,418.06	48,628.39	12,779.30	.....	129,825.75
Sewer	54,399.62	9,959.54	3,564.04	.....	67,923.20
Street Light	13,131.90	46,452.38	36,758.72	.....	96,343.00
Plumbing Inspection ...	11,257.23	1,484.85	1,336.10	188.00	14,266.18
Sidewalk Revolving .....	.....	.....	.....	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total	\$ 360,775.99	\$ 173,963.68	\$ 69,867.69	\$ 5,212.00	\$ 609,819.36
Grand Total General Fund	\$1,763,676.17	\$ 449,552.71	\$ 326,485.50	\$ 102,069.85	\$2,641,784.23